

Q&A ON NEW VPIS

CUSTOMER QUESTION: How will VPIS perform for the previously existing parent company when companies merge and the take-over company absorbs the CAGE?

DFAS ANSWER: VPIS support will vary upon sale of subsidiaries or merger actions depending on what the old and new parent companies do within their CCR and VPIS registration files and how long it's been since the individual user performed a password revalidation in VPIS. Below are some of the possible scenarios:

1. New Company gets new CAGE and populates CCR with new CAGE and Corporate Name: The old CAGE number will stay associated with the original parent company's previously registered IDs in VPIS until a periodic revalidation of CAGES is triggered by the system (planned to be every 90 days, but subject to change based on current DFAS Security Rules) or elected by the user. At this time, a new crossmatch of CAGE/Legal Business Name will be made against the CCR record information. If the CCR still has the original record, VPIS service may be retained. If the CAGE/Name match with CCR cannot be made due to cleanup of their records, then VPIS access will not be possible.

Concurrently, the receiving company may create a VPIS registration with the new CAGE/Name set or add it to an existing user id with their other activities approximately 2 business cycles after the CAGE/Name set is visible in the CCR.

2: CCR is updated with name change information for existing CAGE: Ids for users of the old parent company which had a relationship with that particular CAGE will continue to have VPIS visibility of all payments made in relation to that CAGE until a CAGE validation is invoked for those IDs either by our timer or by customer election. To retain the CAGE access for that user id, the individual will have to know the CAGE and Legal Business Name as they appear within the CCR at that time. If the Companies are willing to share that information, the VPIS registration file will permit the CAGE to be associated with user Ids for both parent companies. (NOTE: DFAS is neither recommending nor discouraging this practice. We are simply responding with information about the new security system's expected capabilities and limitations).